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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hans-Peter HOHMANN et al.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 INCLUDING **AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before February

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